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Elastic Properties and Young Modulus for some Materials

Young Modulus (Tensile Modulus) for common materials - steel, glass, wood and more ..

To describe the elastic properties of linear objects like wires, rods, or columns which are stretched or compressed, a convenient parameter is the ratio of the stress to the strain, a parameter called the "Young's modulus" or "Modulus of Elasticity" of the material. Young's modulus can be used to predict the elongation or compression of an object as long as the stress is less than the yield strength of the material.

Material	Young's Modulus (Modulus of Elasticity) E (10^6 psi)	Ultimate Tensile Strength S_u (10^6 N/m ² , MPa)	Yield Strength S_y (10^6 N/m ² , MPa)
ABS plastics	2.3	40	
Acrylic	3.2	70	
Aluminum	69	110	95
Antimony	10.0		
Beryllium	14.3		
Blamuth	42		
Bismuth	4.6		
Boré	9	170 (compression)	
Boron			3100
Brasses	100 - 125	250	
Bronzes	100 - 125		
Cadmium	4.6		
Carbon Fiber	150		
Reinforced Plastic			
Cast Iron 4.5% C			
ASTM A-48		170	
Chromium	36		
Cobalt	30		
Concrete, High Strength (compression)	30	40 (compression)	
Copper	17	220	
Diamond			70
	1,050 - 1,200		

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Douglas fir Wood	13	50 (compression)
Glass	50 - 90	50 (compression)
Gold	10-8	
Iridium	75	
Iron	28.5	
Lead	2.0	
Magnesium	6.4	45
Manganese	23	
Marble		15
Mercury		
Molybdenum	40	
Nickel	31	
Niobium (Columbium)	15	
Nylon	2-4	75
Oak Wood (along grain)	11	45
Osmium	80	
Pine Wood		40
Platinum	21-3	
Plutonium	14	
Polycarbonate	2.6	70
Polyethylene HDPE	0.8	45
Polyethylene Terephthalate PET	2-2.7	55
Polyimide	2.5	85
Polypropylene	1.5 - 2	40
Polystyrene	3-3.5	40
Potassium		
Rhodium	42	
Rubber		
Selenium	8.4	
Silicon	16	
Silicon Carbide	450	3440
Silver	10.5	
Sodium		
Stainless Steel, AISI 302		880
Steel, Structural ASTM-A36	200	400
		502
		250

Industry standards online:
ASM, ASME, IEEE, ISO, API

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Steel, high strength Alloy ASTM A-514	27	760	590
Tantalum	8.5		
Thorium	16		
Titanium			
Titanium Alloy		900	730
Tungsten		105 - 120	
		400 - 410	
Tungsten Carbide		450 - 650	
Uranium	24		
Vanadium	19		
Wrought Iron		150 - 210	
Zinc	12		

- $1 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N/mm}^2 = 1 \text{ Pa} = 1.4504 \times 10^{-4} \text{ psi}$
- $1 \text{ psi (lb/in}^2) = 144 \text{ psf (lb/ft}^2) = 6,894.8 \text{ Pa (N/m}^2) = 6.895 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/mm}^2$

Note! Use the pressure unit converter on this page to switch the values to other units.

Strain

Strain can be expressed as

$$\text{strain} = dL / L \quad (1)$$

where

$$\text{strain} = (mm) / (mm)$$

dL = elongation or compression (offset) of the object (m) (in)

L = length of the object (m) (in)

Stress

Stress can be expressed as

$$\text{stress} = F / A \quad (2)$$

where

$$\text{stress} = (N/m^2) \text{ (lb/in}^2, \text{ psi)}$$

$$F = \text{force (N) (lb)}$$

$$A = \text{area of object (m}^2) \text{ (in}^2)$$

Young's Modulus (Tensile Modulus)

Young's modulus or Tensile modulus can be expressed as

$$E = \text{stress} / \text{strain} = (F / A) / (dL / L) \quad (3)$$

where

$$E = \text{Young's modulus (N/m}^2) \text{ (lb/in}^2, \text{ psi)}$$

Elasticity

Elasticity is a property of an object or material which will restore it to its original shape after distortion.

A spring is an elastic object - when stretched, it exerts a restoring force which tends to bring it back to its original length. This restoring force is in general proportional to the stretch described by Hooke's Law.

Hooke's Law

One of the properties of elasticity is that it takes about twice as much force to stretch a spring twice as far. That linear dependence of displacement upon stretching force is called Hooke's law which can be expressed as

$$F_s = -k \, dL \quad (4)$$

where

F_s = force in the spring (N)

k = spring constant (N/m)

dL = elongation of the spring (m)

Yield strength

Yield strength, or the yield point, is defined in engineering as the amount of strain that a material can undergo before moving from elastic deformation into plastic deformation.

Ultimate Tensile Strength

The Ultimate Tensile Strength - UTS - of a material is the limit stress at which the material actually breaks, with sudden release of the stored elastic energy.

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